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In re Application of: Dan W.C. Delmer

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For: COUPLING FOR PIPE AND RELATED METHODS

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This communication is in response to the Non-Final Office Action dated March 18, 2008.

Please find enclosed herewith:

- 1. An Amendment and Response to Non-Final Office Action;
- 2. A Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/021); and
- 3. Petition for Extension of Time Form (PTO/SB/22).

Also, on the date shown below (via electronic transmission, at the time of the EFS filing),

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Remarks begin on page 3, and amendments begin on page 11.

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/J. Mark Holland/

August 18, 2008

In addition, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees during the pendency of this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-2624:

- Any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR §1.16;
- Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17;
- Any filing fees under 37 CFR §1.16 for presentation of extra claims.

If the Examiner would like to discuss any remaining or new issues regarding this communication, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative of Applicant at (949) 718-6750.

Respectfully submitted,

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